

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 6, 8-9, 13, 15, and 20-23 have been canceled .

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-12, and 16-19 are pending.

Examiner Interview and Amendments

The Examiner called October 21, 2005 indicating that variables W (optionally substituted only by lower alkyl), R_{13} - R_{16} (must be all hydrogen), A_1 (bond only), R_1 and R_2 (must not form rings), and G ($NR_{18}C(=O)R_{19}$, $-NR_{18}SO_2R_{17}$, $-NR_{18}CO_2R_{19}$, and $-NR_{20}C(=O)NR_{18}R_{19}$) did not yet comply with the Group 1 election as described in the January 7, 2005 office action. The Examiner indicated that the case would be allowed if such amendments were made.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful perusal of the claims and have made amendments to fully comply with the aforementioned restriction requirement. As a bond only, variable A_1 is unnecessary and it is deleted from the claims. Variable W has been limited to being optionally substituted only by lower alkyl. Verbiage indicating that R_1 and R_2 could form rings has been removed from the claims, and certain species of claim 11 requiring the formation of such a ring have been deleted. Variables made unnecessary by the restriction have been eliminated. Variables R_{13} - R_{16} have all been limited to hydrogen. The scope of the claims has not been broadened thereby, nor has new material been added.

The January 7, 2005 office action (first page of the Detailed Action) indicated that the Examiner intended the G groups of the Group 1 election to include only of $NR_{18}C(=O)R_{19}$, $-NR_{18}SO_2R_{17}$, $-NR_{18}CO_2R_{19}$, and $-NR_{20}C(=O)NR_{18}R_{19}$. Accordingly, all other groups have been deleted from the definition of variable G throughout the claims.

It is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance and Applicants request withdrawal of the Examiners objection and a quick issuance of the application.

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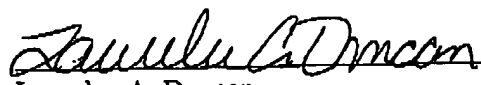
No fees should be due. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

SUMMARY

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, at the number listed below, if it is believed that a telephonic communication would facilitate the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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